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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Materiel Division, Office of Special Activities**

**SUBJECT : OXCART Forward Staging Bases**

1. I am somewhat concerned lest our planning and actions associated with pre- and post-strike staging at Elselon and KC-135 staging and A-12 emergency recovery at [ ] Kadenz, [ ] may not be accomplished within the time limitations dictated by projected operational readiness. I am particularly concerned with the requirement to prepare Elselon as a pre- and post-strike staging base and the actions necessary to complete necessary construction and pre-positioning of equipment necessary to support the A-12.

2. With these thoughts in mind, I am assigning primary responsibility for all actions necessary to ready these bases to the Materiel Division. Early during the week of 17 March 1963, I would like for myself and appropriate OSA staff members a briefing on the status of this entire topic. You should feel free to levy any requirements in this connection upon other OSA elements.

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